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FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1680

UNCLAS SINGAPORE 4973

DEPT PLEASE PASS MR. T. STRIEGLER, LAW ENFORCEMENT
DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: TBIO SENV SN US

SUBJ: ENFORCEMENT OF WILDLIFE LAWS - GIBBONS

REF: STATE 260679##

1. AS REQUESTED REFTEL, EMBASSY CONTACTED
Y.L. KOH AND REQUESTED DETAILS OF GIBBONS TRANSACTION,
RELATED CORRESPONDENCE OR COPIES THEREOF, AND NOTORIZED
STATEMENT.

2. KOH FREELY SHOWED FILES AND TALKED OF TRANS-
ACTION, BUT HAS THUS FAR BEEN UNWILLING PROVIDE CORRES-
PONDENCE OR GIVE STATEMENT. HE HAS, HOWEVER, PROMISED
TO PROVIDE COPIES OF DOCUMENTS IN HIS POSSESSION. IF
AND WHEN EMBASSY OBTAINS THESE THEY WILL BE FORWARDED
IMMEDIATELY TO US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE.

3. ACCORDING TO KOH, GIBBONS PURCHASED FROM
SAILORS OFF SMALL BOATS WHICH PLY MALACCA STRAITS.
KOH FURTHER STATED THAT GIBBONS CAME THROUGH SINGAPORE
CUSTOMS LEGALLY. NO RECORDS OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE OF
GIBBONS AVAILABLE, AND NO THER PARTIES INVOLVED IN
OBTAINING GIBBONS, ACCORDING TO KOH. HE FURTHER
STATED THAT ORIGINAL SOURCE OF GIBBONS EITHER THAILAND
OR INDONESIA, PROBABLY THE LATTER.

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4. CORRESPONDENCE SEEN BY EMBOFF INDICATES THAT

KOH SUPPLIED GIBBONS TO UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT
REQUEST OF ARK ANIMAL EXCHANGE, ONTARIO, CANADA.

5. AIR WAYBILL IN KOH'S FILES HAS SAME NUMBER AND
DETAILS AS PROVIDED REFTEL.

6. KOH IS OWNER/MANAGER OF ONE OF FEW REMAINING
BUSINESS IN SINGAPORE HANDLING EXPORT/IMPORT OF LIVE
ANIMALS, BIRDS, AND SNAKES.
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